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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

For each foreign document that does not contain at least a partial English translation, a brief statement of relevance follows:

Austrian-German Patent No. 76186 – This patent appears to describe a light sensor-based safety system for a band saw, as illustrated in the figures.

Swiss Patent No. 297525 – This patent appears to describe a press with a light curtain to detect misplacement of hands, as illustrated in the figures.

French Television Show Video – The enclosed video is believed to be a copy of a portion of a French television show, during which a person appears to touch the side of the

spinning blade of a saw, after which the blade stops spinning. Applicants received the video during the week of July 8, 2002 from the Institut National de Recherche et de Sécurité (INRS) in Vandoeuvre, France. The box in which the video was mailed shows a postmark date of July 1, 2002, and a copy of the front of the box is enclosed with the video. Applicants first heard of the television show in an email from the INRS on April 19, 2001. Applicants were told that the television show was broadcast on France Channel 2, and was titled something like "You Should Have Invented It," but applicants do not know when the television show was broadcast. Applicants were told by INRS that the saw shown in the television show was developed by a person named José Maria Martinez Sanchez, with an address of C/ La Caja N° 2, 2°-J, 03300 Orihuela (Alicante), Spain. Applicants have not transcribed or translated the words spoken during the television show.

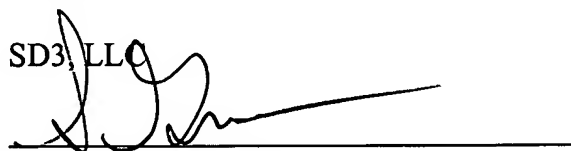
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OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
		Gordon Engineering Corp., Product Catalog, October 1997, pgs. cover, 1, 3 and back, Brookfield, Connecticut, US.	
		U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/157,340, filed October 1, 1999, entitled "Fast-Acting Safety Stop."	
		U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/182,866, filed February 16, 2000, entitled "Fast-Acting Safety Stop."	
		IWF 2000 Challengers Award Official Entry Form, submitted April 26, 2000, 6 pages plus CD (the portions of US patent applications referenced in the form are from Application No. 60/157,340 filed October 1, 1999 and Application No. 60/182,866 filed February 16, 2000).	
		<i>You Should Have Invented It</i> , French television show video.	
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